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SUBJECT: NAMSA GENERAL MANAGER/NAMSO CHAIRMAN OF BOARD

REFS: A. USNATO 2670 DTG 151559Z MAR 78,
B. NSC CAPELLEN DTG 100613Z JUL 78

1. REF B REPORTS NAMSO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 1978, DURING WHICH BOARD WAS UNABLE TO REACH A
DECISION CONCERNING THE GENERAL MANAGER AND REQUESTED
SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS TO PUT THE MATTER BEFORE THE NAC
EXPRESSING EXTREME URGENCY FOR AN EARLY SOLUTION.
REF B ALSO RECONFIRMS MAINTENANCE OF LINKAGE REQUIRING
GENERAL MANAGER SELECTION BEFORE SELECTION OF BOARD
CHAIRMAN CAN BE DECIDED, DESPITE STRONG FRG, UK AND US
OBJECTION.

2. IN VIEW OF SYG'S SCHEDULED DEPARTURE ON TDY THEN
LEAVE O/A 21 JULY, WE ANTICIPATE THE NAMSA GENERAL
MANAGER QUESTION BEING RAISED EITHER DURING 19 JULY
NAC OR AT A PRIVATE AD HOC MEETING PRIOR TO SYG'S
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DEPARTURE.

3. WE BELIEVE WE HAVE SUFFICIENT GUIDANCE FOR THIS
SUBJECT AS WE REPORTED IN REFTEL A, PARAGRAPH 9,
AND WE SEE LITTLE CHANCE OF RESOLUTION NOW UNLESS
THE ITALIANS AND FRENCH CAN BOW TO MAJORITY VIEWS.
WE SHALL CONTINUE TO PRESS ON TWO POINTS:

A. US SUPPORTS THE FRG CANDIDATE AS BEING BETTER QUALIFIED.

B. US WOULD LOOK ASKANCE AT REJECTION OF A CANDIDATE WHO HAS OVERRIDING MAJORITY SUPPORT (11-2-1).

FYI: WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT ITALY WILL WITHDRAW HER CANDIDATE.

4. AS TO THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, WE SHALL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE THE LINKAGE WITH THE GENERAL MANAGER POSITION. THERE ARE FOUR CHAIRMAN CANDIDATES: BE, NO, UK, US. WE WILL PRESS FOR A PROMPT VOTE BY NAMSO AND STRESS THAT SHOULD THE US CANDIDATE BE DEFEATED IN A FAIR RUN-OFF, WE WOULD, OF COURSE, WITHDRAW HIS NAME. ADDITIONALLY, IF THE NAC CAN ACCEPT THE MAJORITY VIEW ON THE GENERAL MANAGER, IT MAY BE PRUDENT TO HAVE THE NAC SUGGEST TO NAMSO THAT THE SAME PHILOSOPHY SHOULD BE APPLIED IN THE SELECTION OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, TO AVOID THE SUSTAINED BLOCKAGE WE HAVE EXPERIENCED OVER THE GENERAL MANAGER.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: RECONFIRMATION OF POSITION AS OUTLINED IN PARAS 3 AND 4 ABOVE. BENNETT

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